



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

November 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Oct 04	Sep 04	Oct 03		Oct 04	Sep 04	Oct 03
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised		Preliminary	Revised	Revised
Total Nonfarm Employed	1,133.4	1,129.3	1,124.9	Utilities	7.7	7.7	7.8
Natural Resources & Mining	9.1	9.4	8.9	Electric Power	5.3	5.4	5.4
Construction	52.3	52.1	52.4	Transportation & Warehousing	35.6	35.8	37.1
Manufacturing	179.4	179.6	177.1	Warehousing & Storage	7.7	7.7	7.9
Durable Goods	116.0	116.5	111.1	Information	14.4	14.4	14.8
Wood Products	13.1	13.1	12.6	Telecommunications	7.9	7.9	7.9
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.9	5.9	5.7	Finance & Insurance	34.6	34.5	34.0
Primary Metals	2.6	2.6	2.5	Credit Intermediation	21.6	21.6	20.7
Fabricated Metals	10.8	10.7	11.2	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.4	15.4	15.1
Machinery	11.5	11.6	11.7	Insurance Carriers	10.9	10.7	11.7
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.1	4.3	4.0	Real Estate & Rental	11.6	12.1	12.4
Computers - Electronics	3.1	3.1	2.9	Prof., Scient., Technical Services	31.0	30.8	29.1
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	8.8	8.9	8.6	Management of Companies	9.6	9.5	10.2
Electrical Equipment	3.6	3.6	4.0	Admin Spt & Waste Management	43.4	42.3	42.3
Transportation Equipment	28.3	28.2	25.3	Education Services	14.7	14.4	14.3
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.3	6.2	6.4	Health Care & Social Assistance	105.2	104.7	101.5
Ship & Boat Building	15.3	15.4	14.0	Hospitals	30.8	30.5	30.2
Furniture	28.2	28.5	27.0	Nursing & Resident Care	21.3	21.0	20.3
Nondurable Goods	63.4	63.1	66.0	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	11.6	12.3	13.5
Food Products	28.1	27.8	28.7	Amusements , Gambling, Recreation	10.6	11.4	12.4
Animal Slaughtering	19.2	19.2	20.5	Gambling	5.5	5.6	6.2
Apparel	5.0	5.0	5.6	Accommodation & Food Services	113.2	113.3	109.8
Paper Products	5.5	5.5	5.8	Accommodation	38.3	38.4	37.0
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.2	Food Services & Drinking	74.9	74.9	72.8
Converted Paper Products	3.3	3.3	3.6	Other Services (Private)	36.7	36.6	36.8
Chemicals	5.6	5.6	6.5	Repair & Maintenance	10.0	9.8	10.1
Plastics & Rubber	9.3	9.3	9.4	Government	247.2	245.4	247.0
Wholesale Trade	37.3	36.6	35.7	Federal	26.2	26.2	25.7
Retail Trade	138.8	137.8	140.2	State	62.5	62.2	63.2
Food & Beverage Stores	19.7	19.6	19.9	State Education	23.3	23.1	23.1
Grocery Stores	18.2	18.0	18.3	Local	158.5	157.0	158.1
General Merchandise	37.8	37.0	38.1	Local Education	86.5	84.7	86.3
Department Stores	11.2	10.5	10.6				
Other General Merchandise	26.6	26.5	27.5				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

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Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Oct 04	Sep 04	Oct 03	Oct 04	Sep 04	Oct 03	Oct 04	Sep 04	Oct 03
Manufacturing	\$522.54	\$524.89	\$527.72	39.2	39.2	40.5	\$13.33	\$13.39	\$13.03
Durable Goods	561.74	561.25	560.73	40.5	40.7	41.2	13.87	13.79	13.61
Wood Products	463.61	429.45	434.03	42.3	40.4	40.3	10.96	10.63	10.77
Fabricated Metals	538.53	541.91	600.43	40.4	39.7	41.9	13.33	13.65	14.33
Machinery	624.04	599.59	536.80	43.7	41.9	40.0	14.28	14.31	13.42
Furniture	465.35	474.00	491.25	38.3	39.5	39.3	12.15	12.00	12.50
Nondurable Goods	453.13	458.28	475.56	36.9	36.4	39.4	12.28	12.59	12.07
Food Products	381.76	379.44	383.73	38.1	37.2	38.8	10.02	10.20	9.89

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 4,100 from September and 8,500 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed a decrease of 200 jobs over the month but was still 2,300 above October 2003.
- ◆ The largest monthly employment increase occurred in government with 1,800 more jobs than September.
- ◆ The civilian labor force grew with 16,200 more people than September. Unemployed individuals increased 12,600 and employed individuals increased 3,600 over the month.
- ◆ The October unemployment rate increased eight-tenths of one percentage point from last month.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Oct 04	Sep 04	Oct 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Oct 04	Sep 04	Oct 03
All Items	186.5	185.4	180.7	Medical Care	312.7	311.7	299.1
Food & Beverages	187.9	186.8	181.7	Recreation / 1	106.2	106.2	105.4
Housing	186.2	186.5	181.3	Education & Communications /	110.5	110.8	109.7
Apparel	123.5	120.6	123.9	Other Goods & Services	314.7	314.4	308.2
Transportation	165.3	161.6	155.4	All Urban Consumers			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	190.9	189.9	185.0

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	Oct 04 Prelim.	Sep 04 Revised	Oct 03 Revised		Oct 04 Prelim.	Sep 04 Revised	Oct 03 Revised
	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)				(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Labor Force	1,328.9	1,312.7	1,318.0	Labor Force	1,325.8	1,327.6	1,315.6
Unemployed	86.9	74.3	82.4	Unemployed	82.9	80.5	79.0
Rate	6.5%	5.7%	6.3%	Rate	6.3%	6.1%	6.0%
Employed	1,242.0	1,238.4	1,235.6	Employed	1,242.9	1,247.1	1,236.6
U.S. Rate	5.1	5.1	5.6	U.S. Rate	5.5	5.4	6.0

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